

The 2026 Great Newburgh to Beacon Swim has been cancelled this year. We have been denied access to the river from our usual splash-in site. After more than 20 years of safe entry we've been informed that the insurance company will no longer allow swimmers on the docks. At this time we have not been able to identify another option that is safe for swimmers entering the water and will give us a straight shot to the Beacon waterfront. This cancellation shows just how challenging it is to obtain safe public access to the Hudson River. We are very disappointed and upset about this cancellation. Until this week we have been seeking a solution. We did not want to cancel but at this point we have no alternative. All registration fees and donations will be refunded.

We know that many of you are travelling to the swim and have made reservations. We wanted to let you know in plenty of time to adjust your plans.

This is only the second time in **22 years** that the swim has been cancelled; the covid pandemic was the only other impediment to our river crossing.

The good news is that the River Pool at Beacon is open for business and we've got kids of all ages happily enjoying the pool, especially during this heat wave! Since 2007, this rainbow pool has given tens of thousands of kids access to the Hudson River. Its maintenance and operation are supported by funds **raised by all of you** who swim in the **Annual Great Newburgh to Beacon Hudson River Swim**.

The \$50,000 that we raise during the swim makes it possible for us to maintain the pool and hire a pool manager and lifeguards which allows us to make the pool free for anyone who wants to enjoy it. The Department of Health tests the water weekly to ensure the safety of the pool.

We look forward to finding a way to continue our mission and Pete Seeger's mission to nurture a love for the Hudson River by creating safe access to swimming in the Hudson and hope we will be splashing in next summer.

We appreciate all your past and present donations and hope you will continue to support the river pool and the vision of a clean, safe and accessible river swimming experience. If you'd like to make a donation to support River Pool, please visit here:

<https://ssl.charityweb.net/riverpool/>.

The river pool is open **July and August Tuesday through Sunday 12 pm-6pm**. We are closed Monday for maintenance. We are also hosting a free outdoor Concert Series starting **Tuesday, July 7th at 6:30 pm**. <https://www.riverpool.org/events/>